

## UTILITY PATENT

## APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications  
under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS FOR:  
EXPOSURE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD  
USING THE SAME, AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURE OF CIRCUIT DEVICE

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form)  
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2. ☒ Specification Total Pages [211]

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4. ☒ Oath or Declaration Total Pages [2]

- a. ☐ Newly executed (original)

- b. ☒ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).

- i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☒ Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy  
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c. ☐ Statement Verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☒ Assignment to Nikon Corporation, Tokyo, Japan, in the prior application Serial No. 09/420,000, filed on October 18, 1999 has been recorded at Reel 010378, Frame 0046 on November 15, 1999. **Please publish the assignee data with the application.**

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney

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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed.

15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed.

a. Priority of Japanese Application No. 9-101954 filed on April 18, 1997; of Japanese Application No. 9-104978 filed on April 22, 1997; and of Japanese Application No. 9-233109 filed on August 28, 1997 are claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No.: 09/420,000.

16. ☐ Other

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no. 09/908,563

a. Please amend the specification by inserting after the title: -- This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/908,563 filed July 20, 2001, which is a divisional of prior application 09/420,000 filed October 18, 1999, which is a continuation of international application PCT/JP98/01776 filed April 17, 1998.

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The filing fee is calculated below				\$770.00
Total Claims	60 - 20	40	x \$18.00	\$720.00
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Multiple Dependent Claims			\$290.00	\$290.00
Total Basic Filing Fee				
Reduction by 1/2 for small entity				
Fee for recording enclosed Assignment				
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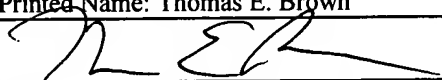
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